

# Great Escapes

## 100 Places to Visit in the National Forests of Alabama

Alabama's national forests are among the state's most valuable natural treasures. They encompass more than 668,000 acres of publicly owned land located in 17 counties. The Bankhead, Conecuh, Talladega and Tuskegee national forests reflect the diverse geography of the state, ranging from the Southern Appalachian Mountains, Cumberland Plateau and Piedmont, to the Coastal Plain. Alabama's national forests date back to the early 1900s and are counted among the 191 national forests, national grasslands and land utilization projects that total 188 million acres across 44 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Forest Service manages Alabama's national forests for multiple uses including recreation, wilderness, timber, wildlife, fish, water and soil. Visitors will notice the diverse landscape that is home to various species of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects, fish, plants and trees.

The Bankhead, Talladega, Tuskegee and Conecuh national forests are great escapes for those who enjoy the outdoors. Approximately 1.4 million visits to numerous recreation sites take place annually throughout Alabama's national forests. Many people are taking time to enjoy outdoor activities like fishing, hiking, horseback riding, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, mountain biking and hunting.

Take a look at the top 100 places to visit in the National Forests of Alabama. For day trips or overnight camping, this guide can help plan your next outdoor adventure.

### 11. Historic Cemeteries

There are dozens of documented cemeteries on the Bankhead for visitors interested in researching family history and historical settlement patterns. Contact the Bankhead District office at 334-489-5111 to inquire about specific sites.

### 12. Houston Recreation Area

This area offers 88 rustic campsites, 14 picnic sites, a group shelter for up to 50 persons, showers, drinking water, swimming, hiking trails and a boat launch along Lewis-Smith Lake. Day users can enjoy a beautiful swimming beach and modern bathhouse.

### 13. Hurricane Creek Shooting Range

The shooting range is open to firearm users for target practice for hunting or to improve skills for gun training. Range distances are 25, 50, and 100 yards. It is open year round.



### 14. Brushy Lake Recreation Area

At 33 acres, the recreation area has 13 campsites that can accommodate very small recreational vehicles or tents. It offers everything from camping, picnicking, boating and fishing to sanitary facilities, including a bathhouse.

### 15. McDougle Hunters Camp

This hunter camp provides rustic camping for hunters at the Black Warrior Management Area and visitors wanting to access the Sipsey Wilderness for day hikes.



### 16. Natural Bridge Picnic Area

This picnic site is the oldest national forest recreation site in Alabama. Enjoy picnic tables and a 3/8 mile paved trail that leads to a natural rock arch in the hardwood forest.

### 17. North Alabama Birding Trail - Northwest Road Stop

Stop here for bird viewing opportunities associated with extensive oak-hickory forests and riparian areas.

### 18. North Alabama Birding Trail - Sipsey River Stop

Sipsey River provides an opportunity to see the cerulean warbler and other species associated with hemlock-cove habitats.

### 19. North Alabama Birding Trail - Walden Ridge

These fire-adapted oak-shoatleaf woodlands provide habitat for prairie warbler, brown-headed nuthatch, bobwhite quail and other associated species.

### 20. North Alabama Birding Trail - Brushy Lake Stop

Stop here for bird viewing and to listen to species that come out at night.

### 21. Owl Creek Horse Camp and Trail System

Nearly 25 miles of trails were designed for horseback riding. The trail system starts on Forest Service Road 262 about 7 miles east of Highway 33. Trail riders may choose from loops of varying lengths. The camp provides primitive overnight campsites.



### 22. Pine Torch Trailhead

This trailhead provides access to the Pine Torch Loop of the Owl Creek Trail System for horseback riders, mountain bikers and hikers.

### 23. Randolph Trailhead, Sipsey Wilderness

The Randolph trailhead provides southern access to trails 201 (2.6 miles) and 202 (3.4 miles).

### Great Places on the Bankhead National Forest in Franklin, Lawrence and Winston Counties

Bankhead Ranger District Office  
1070 Highway 33 North  
Double Springs, AL 35553  
(205) 489-5111

### 1. Black Warrior Wildlife Management Area

This 98,000-acre wildlife management area, the largest in Alabama, is known for trophy white-tailed deer, excellent turkey hunting and squirrel hunting.

### 2. Borden Creek Trailhead, Sipsey Wilderness

The southern portion of trail 224 (4.8 miles) begins at this trailhead, providing access to the Sipsey Wilderness and views of a canyon and waterfall. The trail is flat and easy to moderate.



### 3. Brazier Creek Trailhead, Sipsey Wilderness

This trailhead provides northern access to trail 223 (1.8 miles) and is the most direct access to the popular Bee Branch Area.

### 4. Kinlock Falls

Located at an old mill site and covered bridge, Kinlock Falls offers a cool spot to rest during the summer.

### 5. Caney Creek and Other Bankhead National Forest Falls

This is a signature waterfall, located on the Bankhead's lower falls. The Bankhead is known for its many waterfalls within the canyons. Visitors can be directed to other waterfalls upon request. Named waterfalls include Shangri-La Falls, Sougahoagdee Falls, Coal Mine Branch Falls and Grayson-Collier Falls.

### 6. Clear Creek Recreation Area

One of Alabama's most popular areas is also the largest recreation site on the shores of Lewis Smith Lake. The area contains modern conveniences for camping, including 102 single and double units with electrical and water hookups and a children's playground. Picnicking, swimming, boat launching, hiking and biking are available.

### 7. Corinth Recreation Area

Corinth is a relaxing, modern, state-of-the-art campground located on the shores of Lewis Smith Lake. It offers facilities for individual and group camping, picnicking, swimming and boat launching. There are two camping loops containing 52 new campsites with electrical, water and sewer hookups. The day-use area contains dressing rooms and warm showers, 29 picnic sites, a 100-person pavilion, a swimming beach and a double-lane boat ramp.

### 8. Flint Creek Botanical Area

The Flint Creek Botanical Area of the Bankhead National Forest includes a diverse assemblage of natural plant communities, including limestone rock outcrops, riparian areas and limestone glades.

### 9. Flint Creek Multiple-use Trail

The 16-mile trail is for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, horses, bike riders and hikers.



### 10. Gum Pond Trailhead, Sipsey Wilderness

This trailhead provides eastern access to trail 208 (7 miles) for hiking, horseback riding and wagons.

### 24. Sipsey River Picnic Area and Trailhead

This picnic area has a beautiful river trail, tables and a canoe launch for the Sipsey Wild and Scenic River. Visitors can enjoy an environment of solitude while surrounded by natural settings. The area provides southern access to trails 209 (6.7 miles) and 200 (2.7 miles).

### 25. Thompson Creek Trailhead, Sipsey Wilderness

It's the western access point for trail 208 (7 miles) and trail 206 (3.7 miles).

### 26. Thompson Creek Back country

Located in the northwestern portion of the Bankhead, the back country offers secluded camping and hiking.

### 27. Sipsey Fork - National Wild and Scenic River

The Sipsey Fork of the West Fork River is Alabama's only National Wild and Scenic River. This river system is 61.4 miles in length and is comprised of the river itself and its tributaries, many of which are great canoeing destinations. Some float trips meander through the Sipsey Wilderness. The river also offers great fishing for coosa bass, bream and catfish.

### 28. Sipsey Wilderness

This 25,000-acre wilderness area is the second largest designated wilderness east of the Mississippi River. The area is remote and the forest is shaped by natural events. A 55-mile trail system provides the only access into the heart of these wild lands.

### 29. Bankhead Area History

Historic points of history within or adjacent to the Bankhead include the Byler Road, the remains of the old Hubbard Plantation, Pine Torch Church, Houston Jailhouse and Looney's Tavern.

### Great Places on the Conecuh National Forest in Covington and Escambia Counties

Conecuh Ranger District Office  
16375 U.S. Highway 29 South  
Andalusia, AL 36420  
(334) 222-2555

### 30. Blue Lake Recreation Area

This is the only place in the Conecuh Forest to swim; only a short 10-minute drive from Open Pond Recreation Area. Picnic sites, sanitary facilities and showers are available. Fishing is also popular. Two boat ramps provide access to the lake. Fishing requires an Alabama fishing license.



### 31. Blue Springs Wildlife Management Area

The 23,000-acre wildlife management area was established in 1950. The area's name was derived from blue spring, a locally named natural spring. The primary game species are deer and wild turkey.

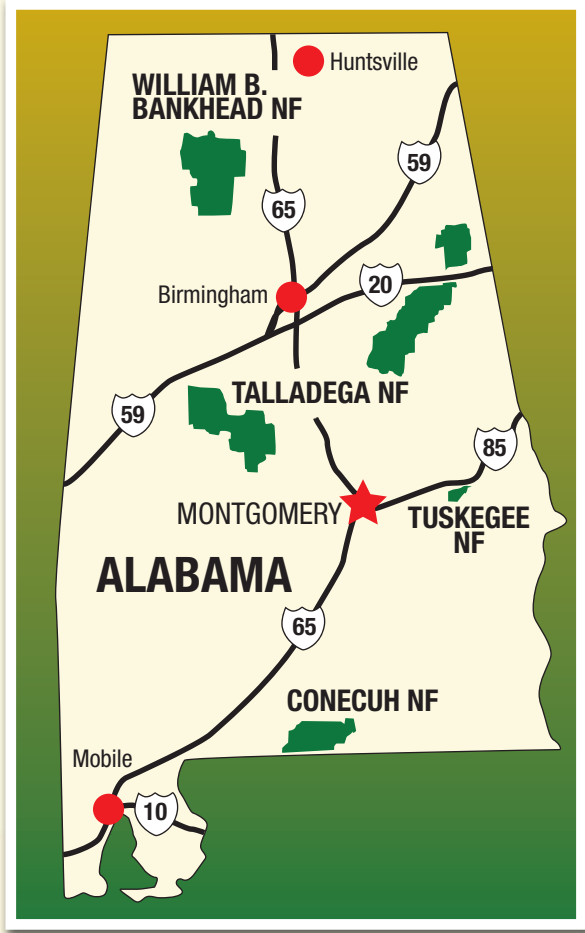


### 32. Crawford Bog

One of several bogs located in the Conecuh National Forest, Crawford bog features several species of carnivorous plants. These plants are more conspicuous and diverse in pitcher plant bogs of the Southeast than anywhere else in the world.

### 33. Buck Pond

This pond is one of several fishing sites situated in close proximity to Open Pond Recreation Area. It offers fishing opportunities and easy access to the Conecuh trail.



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### 34. Conecuh Trail

The Conecuh is a 20-mile easy-to-moderate hiking trail that visitors can enjoy all year. Hikers can view beautiful holly, flowering Dogwood, Longleaf Pine, Magnolia and Cypress trees as they cross the beautiful Conecuh National Forest. Picturesque Cypress ponds are especially scenic. The entire Conecuh Trail can be hiked in two days. Primitive camping is permitted at least 200 feet from the trail.

### 35. Conecuh Shooting and Rifle Range

This shooting range is open to firearm users for practicing skills at distances up to 100 yards.

### 36. Gum Pond

The pond offers a wonderful opportunity to observe a number of bird and plant species. It is located in close proximity to the Conecuh Trail.

### 37. Leon Brooks Hines Public Fishing Lake

The lake is open to anglers and contains bass, bream, catfish and striped bass. An Alabama fishing license and daily fee are required at Leon Brooks Hines Lake because it is state-managed.

### 38. Mossy Pond

The pond offers a wonderful opportunity to observe a number of bird and plant species.

### 39. Nellie Pond

This pond is an excellent location for observing aquatic life. For frogging, Nellie pond is a favorite spot used by locals. This area also provides easy access to the Conecuh Trail.

### 40. Open Pond Recreation Area

Open Pond is the largest recreation area on the Conecuh. With 450 acres, the site offers developed camping, picnicking, hiking, fishing and boating. The lake covers 30 acres and serves as a hub for recreational activity. Boats with electric motors and boats with paddles are welcome here. There are 65 developed campsites and 9 undeveloped campsites.



### 41. Otter Pond

The pond offers a wonderful opportunity to observe a number of bird and plant species.

### 42. Parker Springs Bog

Parker Springs is an excellent example of how an East Gulf Coastal Plain bog should look. Located on the western side of the Conecuh Unit, this hillside bog has been specifically managed for bog characteristics (management activities include prescribed burning). It is easy for plant enthusiasts to get sidetracked even before reaching the bog as the longleaf ecosystem offers many unique bird species for viewing.

### 43. Shitoh Hill Physically Disabled Hunting Area

The hunting area was established in 2008 to provide disabled hunters with an opportunity to enjoy hunting. The area can be reserved by contacting the Alabama Department of Conservation, Wildlife and Fresh Water Fisheries.

### Great Places on the Talladega National Forest in Clay, Cleburne and Talladega Counties

Talladega Ranger District Office  
1001 North Street  
Talladega, AL 35160  
(256) 362-2909

**44. Cave Creek Trail** This moderate 4-mile trail is near Cheaha State Park in the Cheaha Wilderness.

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### 45. Cheaha Waterfall

Cheaha is one of several waterfalls found in the forest and is accessible by a short hike south on the Pinhoti National Recreation Trail toward Lake Chinnabee. It is located near Cheaha State Park.

### 46. Cheaha Wilderness

The 7,245-acre Cheaha Wilderness offers high elevations with numerous overlooks for panoramic views of east-central Alabama. Cheaha Wilderness is named for the nearby Cheaha Mountain which rises to a height of 2,407 feet and is the highest point and a prominent landmark in Alabama.

### 47. Chinnabee Silent Hiking Trail

This perfect hike showcases the beauty of the Talladega National Forest. The 6-mile moderate-to-difficult trail was constructed in 1977 by Boy Scout Troop 29 from the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind in Talladega. Beginning at Lake Chinnabee, the trail winds beside Cheaha Creek and ends 6 miles later at Caney Head atop Talladega Mountain. It is popular because of the spectacular views of flowing streams, rock outcroppings and waterfalls.

### 48. Devil's Den Waterfall

One of several waterfalls in the forest, Devil's Den is also a popular swimming hole. It is accessible by hiking the Silent Trail, located near Lake Chinnabee.

### 49. High Waterfall

One of several waterfalls found in the forest, it is accessible by a short hike on the Odum Trail, located near Cheaha State Park.

### 50. Hollins Wildlife Management Area

Approximately 21,000 acres are managed jointly by the Forest Service and Alabama Department of Wildlife and Fresh Water Fisheries. It can be accessed by Forest Service roads 600, 601-D, 607, 616 and State Road 148.

### 51. Kentuck ORV Trail

This trail offers riding for everyone on wheels, whether the vehicle of choice is an ATV, a motorcycle or a mountain bike. The easy-to-moderate trail has 4 loops totaling 23 miles. Some of the trails have easy sections with gentle grades, sweeping turns and fairly smooth surfaces with few obstacles. Other trails are more difficult, with steeper grades, tight turns, sections of rough terrain, rocks and log obstacles. Mountain biking is available.

### 52. Lake Chinnabee

This 17-acre lake and small campground is tucked into a pastoral valley of peacefulness. It is an excellent getaway for both individuals and families interested in camping, fishing, hiking and picnicking. The area has 8 campsites for single-family recreational vehicles, also tent sites and access for disabled visitors.

### 53. Lake Howard Mountain Bike Trail

A new hiking and mountain bike trail is located at Lake Howard near Sylacauga. The 14-mile trail begins at the recreation site's small pavilions and meanders back into the Talladega National Forest. Mountain biking is available.

### 54. Lake Virginia

This 89-acre lake is nestled in the narrow southern Appalachian Valley of the Talladega Ranger District, about 5 miles east of Sylacauga. It offers bass, bream and catfish fishing for the avid angler.



- 55. Lake Willis**  
The lake is 22 acres, nestled in a narrow southern Appalachian Valley about 4 miles east of Sylacauga. Anglers can enjoy fishing for bass, bream and catfish. Natural and artificial baits may be used. A boat ramp with parking for 10 vehicles and trailers is available. Small boats with manual or electric power only are permitted on the lake.
- 56. McDill Point**  
Located in the Cheaha Wilderness Area, the point has spectacular views and can be accessed by hiking the Pinhoti National Recreation Trail through the wilderness.
- 57. Odum Scout Hiking Trail**  
This trail extends for 7.5 miles through the eastern slopes of Talladega Mountain in the Cheaha Wilderness Area. The difficulty level is moderate.
- 58. Rebecca Mountain**  
This 9,000-acre area lies southwest of Cheaha Wilderness. Rock outcrops, such as Sherman Cliffs, offer spectacular views of farm valleys and forested hills of the Piedmont and the Ridge and Valley province. The higher ridges are forested with dry oak-hickory forests, while mixed hardwood pine forests cloak middle and lower slopes.



- 59. Pinhoti National Recreation Trail**  
With more than 100 miles of moderate to difficult hiking, the Pinhoti Trail winds through the Talladega National Forest in eastern Alabama. It runs from Piedmont to a point south of Talladega. Side trails include the Cheaha Wilderness and Cheaha State Park. It meanders through mountains and valleys, which are rich in history and legend. The trail winds through rugged pine and hardwood forests, runs along ridge tops and passes through shady hollows and mountain streams.
- 60. Shepherd Branch Shooting Range**  
Located about 8 miles southeast of Talladega on Alabama State Highway 77, the range has four benches for firearms at 25, 50, and 100 yard ranges.
- 61. Silent Trail**  
This hiking trail is about 6 miles long and can be accessed at Lake Chinnabee Day Use parking area or Turnipseed parking area.
- 62. Turnipseed Campground**  
The site has one group camping area, eight designated campsites, and pit toilets during the open season: March 1 through November 30.



#### Great Places on the Talladega National Forest in Bibb, Chilton, Dallas, Hale, Perry and Tuscaloosa Counties

Oakmulgee Ranger District Office  
9901 Highway 5  
Brent, AL 35034  
(205) 926-9765

- 63. Oakmulgee Wildlife Management Area**  
This 44,000-acre wildlife management area provides hunters with exceptional hunting opportunities for small game, turkey and deer. It is managed in partnership between the Forest Service and the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.
- 64. Payne Lake Recreation Area**  
110 acres offer picnicking, camping, fishing, swimming and hiking. Campers can enjoy warm showers, restrooms, electrical hookups and water. Nine camping sites were upgraded to include water and electric hookups. The lake also has numerous camping sites along the shoreline. Visitors can choose from 56 sites with modern amenities and 38 primitive camping sites.
- 65. South Sandy Shooting Range**  
Target shooters have 14 shooting benches for 50 and 100 yard target shooting. A clay range and shooting pavilions are also available. The range is open daylight to dusk year round. It's managed in partnership with the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.
- 66. Vick Shooting Range**  
Hunters and target shooters can enjoy covered shooting pavilions and vault toilets. The range is open daylight to dusk year round.

#### Great Places on the Talladega National Forest in Calhoun, Clay, Cherokee and Cleburne Counties

Shoal Creek Ranger District Office  
45 Highway 281  
Heflin, AL 36264  
(256) 463-2272

- 67. Big Oak Physically Disabled Hunting Camp**  
This camp is a 1700-acre hunting unit for physically disabled hunters. State permits are required. It's located in Choccolocco Wildlife Management Area, and is the best-suited area for disabled hunters visiting the Talladega National Forest. Big Oak Hunting Camp has sanitary facilities.
- 68. Blue Mountain Overlook**  
Blue Mountain Overlook is a remote area offering spectacular views. It can be accessed by hiking the Pinhoti National Recreation Trail on Blue Mountain.
- 69. Blue Mountain Trail Shelter**  
Pinhoti Trail Shelter can be accessed by hiking the Pinhoti Trial on Blue Mountain.
- 70. Chief Ladiga Rails To Trails**  
Alabama's first extended rails-to-trails project wanders 33 miles through the countryside of Calhoun and Cleburne counties. It is a non-motorized trail for exercise, travel or relaxation.
- 71. Choccolocco Wildlife Management Area**  
Approximately 45,000 acres are managed jointly by the Forest Service and Alabama Department of Wildlife and Fresh Water Fisheries.
- 72. Coleman Lake Recreation Area**  
This recreation area, peacefully nestled into the Talladega Mountains, has 39 campsites with water and electrical hookups, bathhouses, a sandy beach, 29 picnicking units, a 21-acre lake and access to the Pinhoti Trail. Two new comfort stations and seven camping sites are fully accessible for the physically challenged. Most sites will accommodate recreational vehicles up to 35 feet in length. A picnic shelter that seats 40 is available on a first-come, first-served basis; or it can be reserved for \$15.
- 73. Dugger Mountain Wilderness**  
Dugger Mountain became the third wilderness area, encompassing approximately 9,200 acres. Located in the Talladega National Forest at an elevation of 2,140 feet, Dugger Mountain is the second highest peak in Alabama.
- 74. Henry Creek Shooting Range**  
This ten-person capacity firearm range is for rifles at 50 and 100 yards and handguns at 25 yards.

- 75. High Rock Lake**  
A small 19-acre lake is nestled in the Talladega National Forest, Shoal Creek District, about one mile south of Pine Glen Recreation Area. The lake is open year round and offers bass, bream and catfish for the avid angler.
- 76. Hillabee Creek CCC Bridge**  
This historical bridge was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression in the 1930s.
- 77. Hillabee Lake**  
Fishing lake is located off County Road 24 near Abel Gap.
- 78. Ivory Mountain Walk-In Turkey Hunting Area**  
Located on Ivory Mountain; the area can be accessed from County Road 51 or Forest Service Road 512. Ivory Mountain Hunt Camp is a primitive hunter camp used by hunters in the area.
- 79. Laurel Trail Shelter**  
This trail shelter for the Pinhoti National Recreation Trail has good access to water and can be accessed by hiking the Pinhoti Trail north of Coleman Lake.
- 80. Lower Shoal Trail Shelter**  
A second trail shelter for the Pinhoti National Recreation Trail can accessed by hiking east of Forest Service Road 531.
- 81. Morgan Lake**  
The lake covers 14 acres and is nestled in a narrow southern valley. Parking for 15 vehicles and trailers is available. Bass, bream and catfish lure avid anglers.
- 82. Pine Glen Recreation Area**  
There are 31 campsites, cooking grills, sanitary facilities, fishing, hiking and access to the Pinhoti Trail. Use of Pine Glen Recreation Area is on a first-come, first-served basis. It's a favorite with hunters because it is centrally located in the Choccolocco Wildlife Management Area.
- 83. Pinhoti National Recreation Trail**  
The trail offers more than 100 miles of moderate to difficult hiking, winding through the Talladega National Forest in eastern Alabama. It runs from Piedmont, to a point south of Talladega. Side trails include the Cheaha Wilderness and Cheaha State Park. The Pinhoti meanders through mountains and valleys, which are rich in history and legend. The trail winds through rugged pine and hardwood forests, runs along ridge tops and passes through shady hollows and mountain streams.
- 84. Terrapin Creek Bridge Trail**  
The trail features an old wood and metal historical bridge located near Piedmont.
- 85. The Pink E. Burns Cabin Trailhead**  
Located off of Highway 55 in Rabbit Town, the Pink E. Burns Cabin Trailhead provides access to the Dugger Mountain Wilderness Trail Head.
- 86. Shoal Creek Church**  
Located approximately 13 miles from Heflin, off Forest Service Road 553, this historic, well-maintained church was built in the 1800s.
- 87. Skyline Drive**  
View scenic mountains, rock outcroppings and small rural settlements within the Talladega National Forest. Skyline Drive is located east of the community of Chandler Springs, Ala.
- 88. Sweetwater Lake**  
Sweetwater is a 58-acre lake located along the Pinhoti Trail between Coleman Lake and Pine Glen Recreation Area. The area has a boat ramp and parking for eight vehicles and trailers.
- 89. Talladega Scenic Drive**  
Explore 29 miles of scenic national forest by automobile, winding along the backbone of the southern Appalachian mountains. The drive offers spectacular views of the Talladega National Forest. It follows State Route 281 near Heflin, climbs to an elevation of 2,407 feet at Alabama's highest point, Cheaha Mountain, and ends at Adams Gap.
- 90. Warden Station Horse Camp**  
With access to 30 miles of scenic trail, its central location is convenient for hunters and horseback riders. Nearby attractions include the Choccolocco Wildlife Management Area and four loop trails for hiking and picnicking. The Horse Camp has 45 primitive campsites for small recreation vehicles and tents. The area for primitive camping is near Coleman Lake Recreation Area. Mountain biking is also available.



#### Great Places on the Tuskegee National Forest in Macon County

Tuskegee Ranger District Office  
125 National Forest Road 949  
Tuskegee, AL 36083-9804  
(334) 727-2652

- 91. Bartram National Recreation Trail**  
This 8.5-mile hiking trail was the first trail in Alabama designated as a National Recreation Trail. Visitors can view various types of wild flowers, flowering trees and wildlife habitat while hiking or mountain biking. The trail is considered easy to moderate.
- 92. Bedford V. Cash/Bold Destiny Memorial Horse Trail**  
With 16 miles for horseback riding and hiking, this popular trail winds through the northern half of the Tuskegee National Forest.
- 93. Pleasant Hill Trail**  
Tuskegee National Forest's newest trail is for hiking and bicycling. The four-mile trail is considered a moderate trail.
- 94. Taska Recreation Area**  
Taska is a picnic area located right along highway 80. The facility has picnic tables, grills and an interpretive kiosk. It adjoins the Black Belt Nature and Heritage Trail.
- 95. Thloco Lake**  
Thloco is a small, 3-acre lake stocked annually for fishing.
- 96. Tsinia Wildlife Viewing Area**  
Visitors and students can learn about various ecosystems, including wildlife and plants, along the self-guided interpretive trail.
- 97. Uchee Shooting Range**  
Firearm enthusiasts can practice target shooting from 20, 50 and 100 yards.
- 98. Forest Service Public Affairs**  
Visit the Public Affairs Office to inquire about interagency discount passes, the Plant-A-Tree program or Forest Service maps.

#### Great Places in Montgomery

Supervisor's Office  
2946 Chestnut Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36107  
334-832-4470

- 99. Forest Service Resource Specialists**  
The supervisor's office is staffed by a diverse workforce. Visit with any resource specialist to learn about the management of public lands. A meeting can be scheduled with the following specialists: archeologist, botanist, silviculturist, soil scientist, fishery and wildlife biologist, civil engineer, landscape architect, hydrologist, fire specialist, recreation specialist, realty specialist and land surveyor.
- 100. Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl**  
Schedule a time for youth to meet Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl. Resources are available to youth and teachers to learn about fire prevention and caring for the environment.



## Great Escapes at a Glance by Activity Type

### Boating and Water Activities

**Blue Lake Recreation Area** - Conecuh National Forest  
**Brushy Lake Recreation Area** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Clear Creek Recreation Area** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Coleman Lake Recreation Area** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District  
**Corinth Recreation Center** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Houston Recreation Area** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Lake Chinnabee** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District  
**Open Pond Recreation Area** - Conecuh National Forest  
**Payne Lake Recreation Area** - Talladega National Forest: Oakmulgee Ranger District  
**Sipsey River: National Wild and Scenic River** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Sipsey River Picnic Area and Trailhead** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Sipsey Wilderness** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Sweetwater Lake** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District

### Bird Watching

**Gum Pond** - Conecuh National Forest  
**Mossy Pond** - Conecuh National Forest  
**North Alabama Birding Trail (Brushy Lake Stop)** - Bankhead National Forest  
**North Alabama Birding Trail (Northwest Road Stop)** - Bankhead National Forest  
**North Alabama Birding Trail (Walston Ridge)** - Bankhead National Forest  
**North Alabama Birding Trail (Sipsey Wilderness Trailhead)** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Otter Pond** - Conecuh National Forest  
**Parker Springs Bog** - Conecuh National Forest



### Botanical and Scenic Areas

**Bartram National Recreation Trail** - Tuskegee National Forest  
**Blue Mountain Overlook** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District  
**Crawford Bog** - Conecuh National Forest  
**Flint Creek Botanical Area** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Gum Pond** - Conecuh National Forest  
**McDill Point** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District  
**Mossy Pond** - Conecuh National Forest  
**Otter Pond** - Conecuh National Forest  
**Parker Springs Bog** - Conecuh National Forest  
**Rebecca Mountain** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District  
**Skyline Drive** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District  
**Talladega Scenic Drive** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District  
**Tsinia Wildlife Viewing Area** - Tuskegee National Forest



### Camping Sites

**Brushy Lake Recreation Area** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Clear Creek Recreation Area** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Coleman Lake Recreation Area** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District  
**Conecuh Trail** - Conecuh National Forest (Primitive Camping)  
**Corinth Recreation Area** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Houston Recreation Area** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Lake Chinnabee** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District  
**Open Pond Recreation Area** - Conecuh National Forest  
**Payne Lake Recreation Area** - Talladega National Forest: Oakmulgee Ranger District  
**Pine Glen Recreation Area** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District  
**Sipsey Wilderness** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Turnipseed Campground** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District  
**Warden Station Horse Camp** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District



### Fishing Areas

**Blue Lake Recreation Area** - Conecuh National Forest  
**Brushy Lake Recreation Area** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Buck Pond** - Conecuh National Forest  
**Clear Creek Recreation Area** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Coleman Lake Recreation Area** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District  
**Corinth Recreation Center** - Bankhead National Forest  
**High Rock Lake** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District  
**Houston Recreation Area** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Lake Chinnabee** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District  
**Lake Virginia** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District  
**Lake Willis** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District  
**Leon Brooks Hines Public Fishing Lake** - Conecuh National Forest  
**Lewis Smith Lake** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Open Pond Recreation Area** - Conecuh National Forest  
**Payne Lake Recreation Area** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District  
**Pine Glen Recreation Area** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek District



**Sweetwater Lake** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District  
**Thloco Lake** - Tuskegee National Forest

### Historic Sites

**Historic Cemeteries** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Shoal Creek Church** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District



### Hunting, Camps and Shooting Ranges

**Blue Springs Wildlife Management Area** - Conecuh National Forest  
**Big Oak Physically Disabled Hunting Camp** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District  
**Black Warrior Wildlife Management Area** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Choccolocco Wildlife Management Area** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District  
**Conecuh Shooting/Rifle Range** - Conecuh National Forest  
**Henry Creek Shooting Range** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District  
**Hollins Wildlife Management Area** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District  
**Hurricane Creek Shooting Range** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Ivory Mountain Walk In Turkey Hunting Area** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District  
**McDougle Hunt Camp** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Shepherd Branch Shooting Range** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District  
**Shiloh Hill Physically Disabled Hunting Area** - Conecuh National Forest  
**South Sandy Shooting Range** - Talladega National Forest: Oakmulgee Ranger District  
**Uchee Shooting Range** - Tuskegee National Forest  
**Vick Shooting Range** - Talladega National Forest: Oakmulgee Ranger District



### Picnic Areas

**Blue Lake Recreation Area** - Conecuh National Forest  
**Brushy Lake Recreation Area** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Clear Creek Recreation Area** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Coleman Lake Recreation Area** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District  
**Corinth Recreation Center** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Houston Recreation Area** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Lake Chinnabee** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District  
**Natural Bridge Picnic Area** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Open Pond Recreation Area** - Conecuh National Forest  
**Payne Lake Recreation Area** - Talladega National Forest: Oakmulgee Ranger District  
**Sipsey River Picnic Area and Trailhead** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Taska Recreation Area** - Tuskegee National Forest

### Trails

**(ATV, Mountain Bikes, Hiking, Horseback and Motorcycle Trails)**  
**Bartram National Recreation Trail** - Tuskegee National Forest (Hiking and Mountain Bike Trails)  
**Bedford V. Cash/Bold Destiny Memorial Horse Trail** - Tuskegee National Forest (Hiking and Horse Trails)  
**Blue Mountain Trail Shelter** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District (Hiking)  
**Borden Creek Trail Head** - Bankhead National Forest (Hiking)  
**Cave Creek Tail** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District (Hiking)  
**Chief Ladiga Rails to Trails** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District (Hiking)  
**Chinnabee Silent Hiking Trail** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District (Hiking)  
**Clear Creek Recreation Area** - Bankhead National Forest (Hiking and Bike Trails)  
**Conecuh Trail** - Conecuh National Forest (Hiking)  
**Flint Creek Multiple Use Trail** - Bankhead National Forest (Horses, Mountain Bikes, Motorcycles and ATVs)  
**Houston Recreation Area** - Bankhead National Forest (Hiking)  
**Kentuck ORV Trail** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District (ATV, Motorcycle and Mountain Bikes)  
**Lake Chinnabee** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District (Hiking)  
**Lake Howard Mountain Bike Trail** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District (Biking and Hiking)  
**Laurel Trail Shelter** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District (Hiking)  
**Lower Shoal Trail Shelter** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District (Hiking)  
**McDill Point** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District (Hiking)  
**Odum Scout Hiking Trail** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District (Hiking)  
**Open Pond Recreation Area** - Conecuh National Forest (Hiking)  
**Owl Creek Horse Camp and Trail System** - Bankhead National Forest (Hiking and Horse Trails)  
**Payne Lake Recreation Area** - Talladega National Forest: Oakmulgee Ranger District (Hiking)  
**Pine Glen Recreation Area** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District (Hiking)  
**Pine Torch Trailhead** - Bankhead National Forest (Hiking, Horseback Riding and Mountain Bikes)  
**Pinhoti National Recreation Trail** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega and Shoal Ranger District (Hiking)  
**Pleasant Hill Trial** - Tuskegee National Forest (Hiking and Bike Trails)  
**Silent Trail** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District (Hiking Trail)  
**Sipsey Wilderness** - Bankhead National Forest (Hiking and Horseback Riding)  
**Terrapin Creek Bridge Trail** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District (Hiking)  
**Thompson Creek Back country** - Bankhead National Forest (Hiking)  
**Warden Station Horse Camp** - Talladega National Forest: Shoal Creek Ranger District (Hiking, Mountain Bikes and Horse Trails)



### Waterfalls

**Caney Creek Falls** - Bankhead National Forest  
**Cheaha Falls** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District  
**Devil's Den** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District  
**High Falls** - Talladega National Forest: Talladega Ranger District  
**Kinlock Falls** - Bankhead National Forest